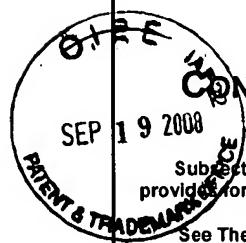


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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

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| Application Number | 10/577,127 |
| Filing Date | April 25, 2006 |
| First Named Inventor | Satoshi SEO et al. |
| Group Art Unit | 2822 |
| Examiner Name | Paul E. Patton |
| Attorney Docket Number | 0756-7662 |

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**
 - a. Previously submitted
 - i. Consider any previously filed and unentered Amendments and Information Disclosure Statements, including the amendment(s)/reply and/or Information Disclosure Statement(s) previously filed on _____ (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - iii. Other
 - b. Enclosed
 - i. Amendment/Reply
 - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. Information Disclosure Statement
 - iv. Other: _____
2. **Miscellaneous**
 - a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(l) required)
 - b. Other: _____
3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
 - a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. _____
 - i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
 - ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
 - iii. Other: _____
 - b. Check in the amount of \$810.00 enclosed
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TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$ 810.00)

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

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| 1111 | 510 | 2111 255 Search fee | |
| 1311 | 210 | 2311 105 Examination fee | |
| Over 100 Sheets/260 for each additional 50 | | | |

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| 1203 | 370 | 2203 185 Multiple dependent claim, if not paid |
| 1204 | 210 | 2204 105 ** Reissue independent claims over original patent |
| 1205 | 50 | 2205 25 ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent |
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| 1051 | 130 | 2051 | 65 Surcharge - late filing fee or oath | |
| 1052 | 50 | 2052 | 25 Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet | |
| 1053 | 130 | 1053 | 130 Non-English specification | |
| 1812 | 2,520 | 1812 | 2,520 For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination | |
| 1804 | 920* | 1804 | 920* Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action | |
| 1805 | 1,840* | 1805 | 1,840* Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action | |
| 1251 | 120 | 2251 | 60 Extension for reply within first month | |
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| 1253 | 1,050 | 2253 | 525 Extension for reply within third month | |
| 1254 | 1,640 | 2254 | 820 Extension for reply within fourth month | |
| 1255 | 2,230 | 2255 | 1,115 Extension for reply within fifth month | |
| 1401 | 510 | 2401 | 255 Notice of Appeal | |
| 1402 | 510 | 2402 | 255 Filing a brief in support of an appeal | |
| 1403 | 1,030 | 2403 | 515 Request for oral hearing | |
| 1451 | 1,510 | 1451 | 1,510 Petition to institute a public use proceeding | |
| 1452 | 510 | 2452 | 255 Petition to revive - unavoidable | |
| 1453 | 1,540 | 2453 | 770 Petition to revive - unintentional | |
| 1501 | 1,440 | 2501 | 720 Utility issue fee (or reissue) | |
| 1502 | 820 | 2502 | 410 Design issue fee | |
| 1503 | 1,130 | 2503 | 565 Plant issue fee | |
| 1462 | 400 | 1462 | 400 Petitions, Group I | |
| 1463 | 200 | 1463 | 200 Petition, Group II | |
| 1464 | 130 | 1464 | 130 Petitions, Group III | |
| 1807 | 50 | 1807 | 50 Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q) | |
| 1806 | 180 | 1806 | 180 Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt | |
| 8021 | 40 | 8021 | 40 Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) | |
| 1809 | 810 | 2809 | 405 Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a)) | |
| 1810 | 810 | 2810 | 405 For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b)) | |
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